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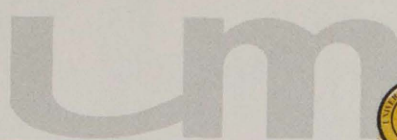
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UM STUDENTS OKAY REGISTRATION FOR \$1 MontPIRG FEE COLLECTION

MISSOULA--

University of Montana students registering for spring quarter have approved the use of registration as a method of collecting \$1 per quarter from students for the support of the Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG) at the University of Montana.

So far, 3,185 students have voted in favor of the proposal, providing the \$1 fee is optional during registration. A total of 1,326 voted in favor of the \$1 fee, providing students not participating can obtain a \$1 refund, and a total of 1,004 voted against the use of registration for the voluntary \$1 collection.

James F. Walsh, a UM law student from Seattle, Wash., who is a coorganizer of the MontPIRG Steering Committee, Inc., at UM, said between 200 and 300 additional votes will be tabulated and entered in the respective totals. Votes to be included will be from UM law students, UM students in the Round River Experiment program and late registrants.

James P. Betty, Kalamazoo, Mich., a UM graduate student in forestry and local coordinator for MontPIRG, said the organization at UM "will present a proposal to the State Board of Regents in June for establishing MontPIRG within the Montana University System."

Betty said if the Board of Regents okays the proposal, then the University in Missoula will officially have a MontPIRG chapter to foster health care delivery, eliminate sexual and racial discrimination, protect the environment against misuse and destruction, and foster other consumer-oriented objectives.

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